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St. Louis County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update

New Testing Location

St. Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) will begin providing limited COVID-19 testing to County residents with symptoms who meet testing criteria at the John C. Murphy clinic located in Berkley and the South County Health Center in Sunset Hills starting Monday.

DPH currently operates three public-facing clinics where primary care is provided to an average of 35,000 individuals a year, the majority of whom are uninsured. These clinics are located in Pine Lawn (4000 Jennings Station Road), Berkley (6121 North Hanley Road), and Sunset Hills (4580 South Lindbergh Boulevard).

Throughout the pandemic, DPH continues to provide vital primary and acute care at our North Central and South County locations. COVID-19 testing has been available to our existing patients as well as other high risk groups in the County.

The Berkeley and Sunset Hills locations will operate drive-through testing, and will be by appointment only. While DPH's current testing capacity is limited, the goal is to expand testing in the community by utilizing additional funding as it becomes available. The screening and appointment making processes will begin on Monday, April 27th. If you would like to be screened for an appointment, visit stlcorona.com or call (314)615-0574 starting Monday. Screening criteria prioritizes individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 who have risk factors for poor outcomes or are at particular risk for spreading illness to others if infected.

Resources

The resource tab on www.stlcorona.com is a wealth of information on a variety of topics. It contains COVID-19 fact sheets, contact information, statistics, testing and donation information. There are many resources for social service assistance including food, rent and utilities. Small business owners and employees impacted by COVID-19 can find a list of agencies providing guidance. Mental health related articles and resources guide users to timely information related to maintaining healthy emotional well-being. Additionally, parents can find e-learning tools to assist with distance learning. This accumulation of information is meant to be an aid for navigating the challenges presented by this global pandemic.

Dignified Transfer Center

The Dignified Transfer Center received another decedent this morning.

Continued Adaptation

St. Louis County Department of Public Health continues to adapt to best serve the region as we face COVID-19 together. We seek to provide you with the best information possible, while not diluting the message or providing updates that are not consistently valuable. The availability of information contained on the always-evolving website is also a contributing factor for re-evaluating the need for updates seven days a week through this medium. Unless potentially life-saving or otherwise significant information becomes available, we do **not** anticipate disseminating these updates on weekends moving forward.

Please know that decision is in no way indicative of the pandemic being any less significant or present in our community. We should continue to adhere to the preventative measures in place and remain diligent in social distancing and the use of masks.

Contact Information

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline can be reached at (877)435-8411.

St. Louis County has created a website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19, www.stlcorona.com. Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information.



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